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in a U-shaped tube. 6 ml of mixed xylene (commercially available product) was placed in one vertical tube of the U-shaped tube while 6 ml of n-hexane was placed in the other vertical tube. Stirring was effected in such a manner that the xylene phase did not mix with the hexane phase. The composition of xylene isomers extracted in the n-hexane phase after 2 hours is shown in Table 5.

Page 19, Example 10, please change as follows:

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Example 10

250 ml of a 10 wt. % aqueous solution of a glucosyl- α -cyclodextrin mixture was placed in an H-shaped tube. 10 ml of mixed xylene (commercially available product) was placed in one vertical tube of the H-shaped tube while 5 ml of dichloromethane was placed in the other vertical tube. Vigorous stirring was effected, provided that the horizontal pipe portion of the H-shaped tube was partitioned with filter paper. The composition of xylene isomers extracted in the dichloromethane phase after 1 hour is shown in Table 10.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3 and 5 as follows:

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3. A continuous and selective inclusion separation method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that said inclusion-complexing agent is a cyclodextrin(s).

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5. A continuous and selective inclusion separation method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that at least part of a solution as the organic phase containing a
